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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Sir:

The non-final Office Action, mailed August 7, 2007, has been carefully considered. In response, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.

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It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those, which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-3718.

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